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May 28, 1970

Mr. Jerry Love
c/o Fourth Avenue Church of Christ
Franklin, Tennessee

Dear Jerry:

I appreciate so much your letter of May 14. I was thrilled at your response to my preaching. Nothing makes me happier than to know that a person of your talents and concern could be benefitted and encouraged by me. I know that you in turn will inspire many people to live for Jesus Christ in the years ahead. The decision to begin memorizing God's word will have a powerful impact on the rest of your ministry. There is nothing like the word of God. I am thrilled that you are studying it with a new seriousness.

I send my congratulations upon your coming marriage. Marriage brings heavy responsibilities, but it also brings great joys. I know that you and your wife will be a consecrated, devoted couple. The Lord will surely bless your marriage and the purposes for which both of you will be living your lives.

I deeply respect your entire family. Please say again to your dad how much he meant to me during my week in Franklin, even though we did not get an opportunity to visit at length on any one occasion. I sensed his continuing deep concern for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks again for writing. Your interest is an encouragement to me.

Fraternally,

John Allen Chalk

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May 14, 1970

Dear Bro. Chalk,

I wanted to thank you for the effort you put forth in the meeting in Franklin. Your preaching has caused me to study God's Word with more depth and enthusiasm than I have ever had. Only God knows how grateful I am but you have helped me greatly. God bless you!

I heard that your sternness on Mon. morn. was taken as "what we needed". As you are aware, the preaching usually heard is quite soft, and sweet, and of course lacking challenge. Thank you for making many, including myself, people aware of the beauty and responsibility of Christian living.

Bro. Chalk, I never had felt a need for God's mercy until Mon. night. I have now memorized Eph. 2 and I plan to continue to memorize God's Word on an organized basis so my own preaching can be more precise. You have turned me on to my needs and brother

I wish you would tell your wife
that the meeting here was very
successful. I know it must be hard
to have to give your husband up
for weeks at a time. Please let
her know that your family's sacrifice
is able to strengthen many people.
Bro. Chalk, I try to keep a prayer
book so I can remember to talk
to God about particular people. I
want you to know I'm praying for
you and will continue to be thankful
for the spreading of God's Will
through your life. If we never
meet again, I will see you around
the throne of Almighty God.

Your brother,

Jerry Love

S. I'm getting married
in Aug. Please pray
for us.